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Memorial Day service

Memorial Day services will be held at 9 a.m. Monday at the Veterans Park on the corner of Madison and Niedringhaus in Granite City. Service will be conducted by the United Veterans Organizations, which is composed of members of all the veteran groups in the Tri-City Area.

Guest speakers will include state Rep. Sam Wolfe, mayors from the Tri-City Area and a representative from the C. Melvin Price Supply Command.

25 years ago

Thursday, May 23, 1966

Salaries of teachers in Madison School District were increased \$41 and \$61 per month for the 1966-67 school year. Nine-month-a-year teachers with a bachelor degree will receive \$606 per month the first year.

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O'Donnell death called joint plan
Testimony reveals elaborate planning for suicideBy Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — The death of Belleville real estate developer Frank O'Donnell may have been the result of the plan of several people, according to testimony Thursday at a Madison County Courthouse inquest.

Testimony also revealed that O'Donnell may have planned for at least a year to kill himself but did not want his death to appear a suicide.

O'Donnell was found dead in a Collinsville motel room last fall.

Special Agent Craig Koehler of the Illinois State Police's Division of Criminal Investigation, in his testimony, said O'Donnell, 61, had discussed elaborate suicide plans with friends in Hilton Head, S.C., prior to his death.

Koehler was one of several officials to testify during the inquest into O'Donnell's death. The jury deliberated 40 minutes before ruling the cause of

O'Donnell's death was undetermined.

O'Donnell was found dead Nov. 17, 1990, in a room at the Quality Inn in Collinsville. He was lying on the bed, clad only in pants and socks, "kind of like he leaned back on the bed," Sgt. Joseph Girolamo of the Collinsville Police Department testified.

An autopsy was performed on O'Donnell's body Jan. 21 after toxicological testing revealed a lethal amount of secobarbital, a sedative, now the official cause of death.

Koehler said that O'Donnell told friends he planned to drive to a "bad neighborhood," attach a glove and a gun to a rope and have a second person follow him. O'Donnell would then shoot himself and the second person would grab the rope to remove both the glove and the gun, making his death appear to be a murder, Koehler said.

Two Collinsville men, now both indicted on federal drug charges, were linked to such a plan, Koehler said.

On Aug. 7, 1990, in a recorded conversation between "a confidential source" and Dennis DeLuca, DeLuca said someone was needed to "pick up the mess after" another party who planned to commit suicide, Koehler said. DeLuca allegedly told the source it "could be worth a chunk of money."

Three months later, on Nov. 8, 1990, Danny Cox of Collinsville described to the confidential source a job, available through "a third party," that could net \$10,000. The job involved a person who was dying of cancer and wanted to kill himself but wanted someone to "clean up after him" or to kill him if he got scared and was unable to commit suicide, Koehler said.

Because an investigation is ongoing, Koehler would name neither the confidential source nor the third party. Koehler did say that the third party had a past relationship with O'Donnell and that he was at the motel the day O'Donnell's body was

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Retiring
School principals
end long careersBy Ron Sammons
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — After 71 years of combined service in education, Granite City elementary school principals Donald Kopp and Arthur Menendez will retire at the close of the 1990-91 school year.

Kopp began his teaching career in 1917 at the University of Missouri Hospital School, where he taught orthopedically-handicapped children. A year later, he established a developmental reading program at Jefferson Junior High School in Columbia, Mo.

In 1959, he came to Granite City as a remedial reading teacher for Frohardt, Maryville, Nameoki and Logan elementary schools and the Logan Annex. At that time he told his wife, "If we don't like it here, we'll move on after the year's over," he said.

He has been here ever since. "It's the people here that make the community," Kopp said.

He was named the principal at Nameoki School in 1962 and stayed there until the school's closing in 1982. At that time he received the same position at Frohardt School, where he is completing his last year.

During the early '70s he put together the Independent Reading Program, and recently he was notified that the program's annual banquet will be named the Don Kopp Memorial Award Dinner in his honor.

"Society has changed since I began," he said. "In some ways better, and in some ways worse, but Granite City has been blessed with a good school system."

"We've turned out good students who go to college and do well. Unfortunately, too many don't return to Granite City afterward and that breaks up the sense of tradition and continuity," Kopp said.

"You can't stress education enough," he said. "It's important to import to the school district, because school is the basis for success in life."

"A good start in a public school increases the chances for success. The most discouraging thing



PRINCIPAL RETIREES Don Kopp, left, of Frohardt School and Art Menendez of Maryville School are all smiles as they look forward to their upcoming retirement. The two are long-time friends.

(Staff photo by Pam Doeppke-Hurd)

to educators is to see wasted ability."

Kopp's retirement plans include travel and leisure-time activities, and he also expects to become more involved with Elks and Masonic activities and to do some part-time community work.

"I have a lot of good memories," Kopp said, "we met lots of good people, good members, faculty, teachers, parents and students. Some are now retired and others are still in service."

Menendez began his career in 1954 at Pinckneyville Junior High School after serving two

years in the Army during the Korean War. Five years later, he came to Granite City and began teaching here at the same time as Kopp.

He taught at Nameoki School until 1961 and then received principalship at Lake School, where he stayed for five years. He next was named principal of Mitchell School and remained there for 20 years.

Since 1986, Menendez has been principal at Maryville School in Granite City.

"The Granite City school system is the reason

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Woman charged in stabbing

EDWARDSVILLE — A Granite City woman who allegedly stabbed her infant son last month is being held without bond in the Madison County Jail, charged with stabbing the baby's aunt early Thursday.

State's Attorney William Haine said Shariel Woolridge, 17, will be held without bond until she goes to trial. Woolridge was charged Friday with home invasion and armed violence.

She is accused of breaking into the mobile home of Susan Schalk, 28, in Edwardsville Township and stabbing Schalk.

Schalk received 52 stitches at Anderson Hospital, Maryville, eight in her back and 44 in her right arm. She underwent arm surgery Friday in Alton.

Woolridge still has charges of aggravated battery and cruelty to a child pending. Those charges stem from an April 11 incident, when her then-6-month-old son was stabbed in the head, throat and abdomen. The child has recovered from the injuries but suffered some scarring.

Woolridge was free on bond when the second stabbing occurred. "She should never have been out on bond," Haine said. "We frequently oppose bond reductions, to no avail."

"We intend to ask for prison time. The minimum is six years and we would certainly want a lot more."

Woolridge allegedly used her purse to break out a window in Schalk's home, where she then

attacked the sleeping woman in her bed. Schalk's fiancé was able to push Woolridge away during the attack, Schalk said. Woolridge, still armed with the knife, was in Schalk's 9-year-old daughter's bedroom when deputies arrived at 2:30 a.m.

Schalk said Woolridge had stayed with her at the mobile home at the request of the Department of Children and Family Services from mid-March until the April attack. Schalk said Woolridge had run away from her own home, where she was experiencing family trouble, and the state was trying to take her child away due to neglect and abuse.

"I let her stay here because I

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Vocational placement resumes

By Ron Sammons
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — After an eight-year absence, the vocational job placement program has returned to Granite City High School.

Sonya Adkerson, guidance and special needs counselor at the school, has been named to head the new federally-funded program. It is intended to help place high-school vocational students in the local work force, she said.

In 1983, the position of vocational counselor was eliminated when Granite City High School North and South merged for budget reasons.

Tom Holloway, director of

vocational and career education for School District 9, said the loss was felt by the community.

The program "was a link between the community and high school," he said. "Back then, kids had a place to go; they had a contact person who could work with businesses and the vocational teachers."

In response to a 1986 federal law dealing with "special needs" of vocational students, economic, academic or physical needs — Adkerson's counseling job responsibilities were expanded. And the school district began employing part-time placement counselors two years ago for several weeks in the spring.

During the counseling posi-

tion's absence, the school has dealt with the issue by offering annual career fairs, specialized group programs, fine arts and seminars, expanded peer tutoring and some classroom instruction, she said.

Among Adkerson's first actions was to send out 200 fliers to local businesses, asking them if they employed recent high school graduates, how many, and the qualifications sought. Afterward, she surveyed all of the high-school seniors on their post-high-school plans and employment hopes. Depending on the response, she plans to match students with particular jobs.

Holloway is satisfied with the

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Checkpoints
planned for
this weekendBy Ed Gurney
Staff writer

COLLINSVILLE — Deputies from the Madison County Sheriff's Department are teaming up with troopers from the Illinois State Police this holiday weekend at special safety checkpoints on interstates and other primary roads.

The checkpoints are part of a statewide cooperative effort between the Illinois State Police and local law enforcement agencies.

Troopers and deputies were scheduled to have checkpoints at various places and at various times in Madison County beginning at 6 p.m. Friday and ending at midnight tonight, Sunday.

Officers are checking to see if drivers are under the influence of alcohol, whether their license is revoked or suspended, if they have proof of auto insurance, whether they are complying with the safety belt law and whether there are safety violations, according to Terrance Gainer, director of the Illinois State Police.

Officers at such checkpoints also typically find motorists who are wanted on warrants or who are transporting illegal firearms or drugs.

Gainer held a press conference Thursday at the State Regional Complex in Collinsville to announce the safety checks. The checks will be conducted on other major holiday weekends, too, Gainer said.

Officers have been trained to minimize the length of the check, he said. "Two or three minutes is a small price to pay for improved traffic safety," Gainer said.

Some members of the Secretary of State Police are also patrolling this weekend in cars equipped with video cameras.

7 new stop signs proposed in Oaklawn Terrace neighborhood

GRANITE CITY — The City Council on Tuesday night passed an ordinance that, if adopted, would create seven new stop signs in the Oaklawn Terrace residential subdivision.

According to the city govern-

ment's public works director, Brett Hanke, Alderman Jeff Worthen requested stop signs be placed at the following sites:

- For southbound traffic on Terrace Lane at its intersection with Oaklawn Drive.
- For northbound traffic on Terrace Lane at its intersection with Oaklawn Drive.
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- For northbound traffic on Terrace Lane at its intersection with Oaklawn Drive.

Oaklawn at its intersection with Terrace.

- For northbound traffic on Terrace at its intersection with Janday Lane.
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For southbound traffic on Terrace at its intersection with Richmond Avenue.

- For northbound traffic on Terrace at its intersection with Richmond Avenue.
- For eastbound traffic on Richmond at its intersection with Terrace.

The ordinance is expected to be considered for final passage May 28.

In other City Council action relating to the Oaklawn Terrace subdivision, the aldermen approved a request by Catherine

M. Motil of Terrace Lane to block off Janday Lane from Terrace Lane to Oaklawn Drive for one day.

The approval relates to a picnic and block party to be held from noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday, June 2.

Parking plan not dead

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — The idea for a parking garage in downtown Edwarsville may be gasping for breath but it isn't dead yet.

Edwardsville and Madison County officials serving on the city's Parking Committee met Wednesday night to discuss recommendations it would make to the city on parking plans and to clear up misunderstandings.

The first issue to be cleared up was the city's share of the jointly owned parking lot on North Second Street.

Jan Monday, county administrator, said that ownership isn't an issue. The city and the county's land could be incorporated together on whatever project is ultimately completed there without any titles changing hands, Monday said.

County Board member Herbert "Junior" Milton, D-Granite City, agreed.

"We're not here to run anybody over," Milton said. "This should have been done 30 years ago. I live in a town where the downtown is dead but we haven't had a funeral yet. I know what downtown means to people."

If a parking garage were built, either the city or the county, not both, should own it. County Board member William "Skip" Krupnick, D-Edwardsville, said. It was suggested that if the city built the garage, the county might agree to lease a certain number of parking spots.

"A parking garage would be good for the community in the long run," Mayor Dennis DeRuyter said.

Monday said the county had focused on surface lots because of the expense of a garage. Studies done for both the city and the county projected costs from \$2.5 million to \$4.1 million.

Robert Pederson, owner of Schwartz Health Mart, responded to criticism from residents

that the parking situation is a "county problem."

"We don't have a county problem and we don't have a city problem," Pederson said. "We have a parking problem."

While much of the discussion focused on the North Second Street lot, Pederson said the superlot off Main Street which provides parking for a number of businesses would be a more central location to both the county offices and the business district.

While the possibility was not ruled out, the project would require the purchase of at least six land parcels.

Monday said the county is initiating discussions with landowners on North Second Street to expand parking in that area.

"We know we don't have enough spaces," Monday said.

The reconstructed joint lot would hold about 402 cars and there are about 49 more spaces available on a lot across from the new administration building if an old boiler room is destroyed, Monday said.

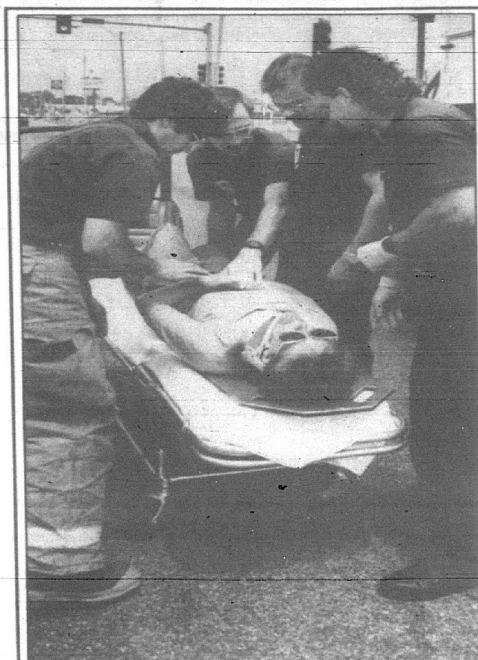
If the nearby former Sears building were demolished, about 56 more cars could be parked there. But that site would be more beneficial if the property were sold with the proceeds going toward the \$800,000 to \$1 million it is estimated that surface lots will cost, Monday said.

Enforcement and signs guiding motorists to available parking were also discussed.

"Proper signs not only are important to availability but they go along with enforcement," said Edwardsville Director of Police Bennett Dickmann.

"It makes it much, much better because then they have no valid argument to mitigate a parking ticket."

Dickmann said he currently has one officer who devotes 35 to 40 hours per week to enforcing one- and two-hour parking restrictions.



(Staff photo by Pam Doepke-Hurd)

GRANITE CITY PARAMEDICS and firefighters place Jeanne Meyer on a stretcher after the car in which she was a passenger was struck from behind Thursday afternoon on Nameoki Road.

4-car crash hurts 2

GRANITE CITY — A four-car collision on Nameoki Road on Thursday resulted in significant damage to all of the vehicles involved and caused two minor injuries.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Nameoki Road and Jill Avenue at 12:35 p.m.

According to a police report, three vehicles were stopped for a red light when a fourth, an auto driven by Norma L. Rains, 70, of the 2800 block of Edwards Street, failed to stop and struck the rear of the third car in line, driven by Robin J. Wallace, 29, of the 1900 block of Delmar Avenue.

A passenger in the Wallace car, Jeanne M. Meyer, 37, of the

2500 block of Parkview Apartments, was taken by Granite City Ambulance to St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she was treated and released.

The impact of the collision forced Wallace's car forward against a car driven by Patricia Thaxton, 37, of Godfrey, Thaxton also complained of minor injuries but did not require immediate treatment.

Thaxton's vehicle was pushed forward against a pickup truck driven by David W. Davies, 43, of Peotone, Ill. Damage to each of the vehicles was estimated at over \$250, but three of them were driven from the scene. Wallace's auto had to be towed.

Booked on 8 warrants

Cesar R. Johnson, 53, of Belleville, was arrested at Lura Brothers in the 2500 block of E. 23rd Street in Granite City at 1:03 p.m. Thursday on a 1994 Granite City warrant for permitting an unauthorized person to drive and a 1991 Woodson, Mo., felony theft warrant.

He also was booked on a 1991 St. Louis County warrant for failure to return rental property, two Maryland Heights felony

warrants for theft and a bad check, a 1980 Effingham warrant for failure to appear in court on a charge of theft, a 1991 Macon County, Ill., warrant charging theft by deception and a Jefferson City, Mo., warrant alleging that he committed a parole violation.

Johnson was held in the Madison County Jail pending extradition to other jurisdictions.

Policemen make early-morning arrest

Sandra D. Mincoff, 20, of the 4200 block of Bruene Avenue, Pontoon Beach, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Thursday.

A man called the Granite City police station from his car telephone to say he was following an

erratically driven car, a white 1982 Oldsmobile Cutlass with a blue top.

The vehicle was pulled over by police on Terrace Lane near Cottage Avenue at 2:30 a.m. after it nearly went through a yard, officers alleged.

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What's New Coming In Your Journal

Appointments
Reorganization of the City Council in Granite City will be changing this week with the appointment of new committee chairmen.

Continuity
Dick Ervay knows exactly where he was and what he was doing then 25 years ago. At 44 years of age, he opened a new drive-in restaurant called Dog 'n Suds in the 2200 block of Pontoon Road in the summer of 1966. He has operated a business there since that time.

Granite City Steel facing racial discrimination suit

By Jeffrey Peyton
Staff writer

BELLEVOILLE — A Cahokia man is suing Granite City Steel for alleged racial discrimination. James Taylor Jr. of Violet Drive, Cahokia, filed his suit in St. Clair County Circuit Court May 17, contending that Granite City Steel fired him after he filed a race discrimination complaint against the company with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Landfill expansion plan gets approval

ROXANA — Laidlaw Waste Systems Inc.'s latest application to expand the Cahokia Road sanitary landfill was approved Monday by the Village Board.

The 95-acre expansion includes new acres and 45 acres on top of the existing 90-acre landfill. The village annexed the landfill in 1989.

The village board's approval was criticized by environmentalists. George Arnold of Edwardsville. He said expansion of the landfill interferes with Madison County's plan for a 20-year waste management program.

"Solid waste management belongs in the hands of the County Board and not Roxana," Arnold, president of the Madison County Conservation Alliance, said.

"We must stop expanding landfills over the precious aquifer of the American Bottoms,"

"My letter of discharge stated I was fired for poor performance," Taylor told the Journal Monday. "I have documented proof that not only was I doing my own job — and doing it well — but I was taking on extra projects and was 'breaking in' a new supervisor."

Taylor said in his 18 years with Granite City Steel, he had never received a pay increase, promotion or transfer to a better-paying job.

"When foreman vacancies occurred, I filled in the position until the company hired someone else," he said.

In 18 years, Taylor said the worst thing ever written on any performance evaluation was that he spoke his mind. "I'm outspoken," he said. "I don't mean I question every little thing, but after you've done a job for as

long as I have, you know the best way to get things done."

Taylor's suit states that Granite City Steel "excludes all or substantially all blacks from supervisory, managerial or professional jobs on the basis of their race." The suit also alleges that Granite City Steel "assigns black employees to the lowest paid and least desirable jobs."

Taylor had been employed with the company as a clerical, non-exempt employee since June 1972. In his suit, Taylor contends that promotions and transfers to better jobs were denied solely because he is black.

According to Bartholomew, it's easy for a company to find a reason to fire someone. He added that it is rare for a company to state that a man was fired because of his race.

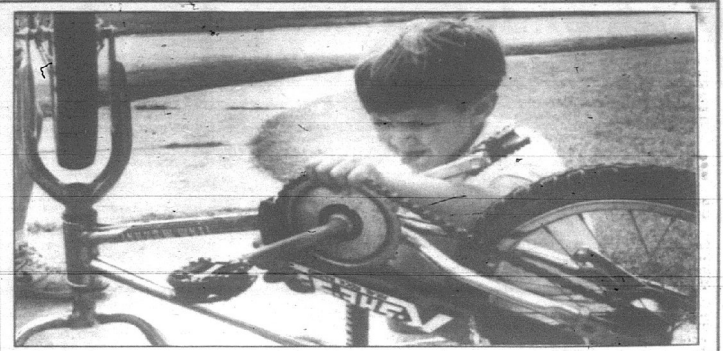
"A judge or jury will have to look at the company's past hiring practices, promotion policies and firing patterns," Bartholomew said. "We have to prove our case in subtle ways."

"It's a difficult case to make," he added. "But I know we have a strong case."

Taylor was fired May 4, 1990. He alleges this to be direct retaliation for his complaint with the EEOC.

Shirley Smith, who is listed as the EEOC representative who handled Taylor's complaint, declined to comment on the case.

Bob Maxwell, public relations manager for Granite City Steel, said his company had no comment as well.



(Staff photo by Pam Doepke-Hurd)

"I'VE ALMOST GOT IT": Six-year-old Shane Phillips makes a repair to his bicycle on the corner of Reverser Route and Lexington Court in Granite City Tuesday afternoon. The chain had come off track while Bailey was riding with friends.

Baby-sitting clinic planned

To help current and future babysitters learn more about their jobs, St. Elizabeth Medical Center is offering a baby-sitting clinic to those 12 years of age and older on Saturday, June 1, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Wellness Center, 22nd and Iowa streets.

The clinic will be taught by registered nurses from the hospital's O.B. and Pediatric departments and by SEMC's director

of safety.

Participants will learn about selecting a baby-sitting job, job responsibilities, child care and safety, entertaining the child, first-aid: poison control, fire safety and answering the telephone.

The cost is \$5 per person. Certificates will be awarded upon completion of the clinic.

For more information, call 798-3201.

Correction

An article Wednesday about 1st Lt. Patricia Mance, serving with the U.S. Army in the Persian Gulf, incorrectly referred to her as the mother of Morgan, Harper and Jaime Mance of Granite City. She is actually the stepmother of the girls. Their mother is Zoe Mance of Granite City. We regret the error.

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Budget deficit, tax rates may keep Legislature in session

SPRINGFIELD — It could be a long, hot summer for lawmakers as they struggle with tax rates and the worst state budget deficit in 20 years.

Gov. Jim Edgar has threatened to keep legislators in session all summer until they approve a balanced budget. "I strongly encourage all House members to keep the months of July and August open for possible session," House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, said in a memo to representatives.

As you are fully aware, the problems and issues facing us are very complex and complicated, and a very real possibility exists that we will be in session for a significant amount of time after June 30," he added.

Last year was the first time in two decades that lawmakers adjourned before their scheduled midnight June 30 wrap-up. In most other years they have gone only a few days into July.

Rep. Tom Ryder, R-Jerseyville, called Madigan's memo "gamesmanship."

"But he also said he would not be surprised if the session dragged into at least mid-July. 'I don't know how it will all shake out or what will be the endgame,' Ryder added.

As minority spokesman on two House appropriations committees, Ryder is a key player in the budget battle.

Rep. Jim McPike, D-Alton, as House majority leader, is traditionally the point man for the House in budget negotiations. He has already held several meetings on the budget with a task force of about 25 House Democrats.

McPike said there is no consensus on which of the budget cuts Edgar proposed should be adopted or what possible alternatives should be considered.

"You may have two members who support one idea but as many or more who are against it."

For example, there have been suggestions to make deeper cuts in higher education to avoid some proposed Public Aid reductions and proposals to take mon-

ey from the road fund and use it for general revenue fund spending, McPike said. But he added neither proposal appears to have much support.

Some lawmakers have also suggested eliminating some current sales tax exemptions.

But of the approximately \$14 billion in estimated sales tax exemptions during the current fiscal year, about \$837 million is on food and drugs. "Nobody is going to vote to put back the state sales tax on food and drugs," McPike added.

The appropriations bills came out of committee basically at or below the levels Edgar recommended, but Democrats also rejected bills that would eliminate various Public Aid benefits and save about \$700 million.

Ryder said the first real test of whether legislators will show fiscal discipline will come this week, when the appropriation bills are debated on the floor. If several amendments are adopted, that could signal a long budget impasse, he suggested.

Edgar's budget plan requires up to \$1.5 billion and assumes the income tax surcharge adopted two years ago will be made permanent.

The Senate has approved a bill making the surcharge permanent but taking away local governments' share for 18 months to help the state pay overdue Medicaid bills.

McPike and Madigan say any change in the current distribution formula is unacceptable.

Alton city government, for example, has included about \$825,000 from the extra income tax in its current budget year ending next March 30.

County hopes to keep getting more than \$1.8 million extra a year to offset the \$1.2 million it will lose as a result of the incorporation of Godfrey.

A portion of the Senate bill imposing 5 percent caps on some local government property tax hikes is also unpopular with many Democrats.

Sens. Sam Vadalabene, D-Edwardsville, and Vince Demuzio, D-Carlinville, voted against it.

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The Tri-City Area YMCA will offer a stretching/stress reduction class beginning June 17.

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saying many downstate local governments would view the limit as a floor rather than a ceiling. The result would be unnecessary property tax increases, the senators said.

McPike said House members appear to be leaning toward a temporary extension of the income tax surcharge.

Ryder said he believes there is bipartisan support to continue the surcharge but is not sure whether property tax limits will become part of the final negotiations to pass them.

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Michael Terrell honored

State trooper receives medal

Illinois State Trooper Michael A. Terrell of Venice was recently presented the Governor's Award of Valor as a result of his pursuit of two heavily armed men. The chase took place from the East St. Louis area across the Martin Luther King Bridge and into St. Louis April 9, 1990.

Terrell attempted to stop a car for a traffic violation in the East St. Louis area, but the driver refused to stop and a chase ensued.

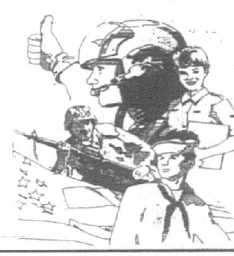
The driver stopped the car at least four times — twice in Illinois and at least two more times after crossing the bridge — and he and a passenger shot at Terrell with an assault rifle and two handguns. But Terrell continued his pursuit even in the face of those life-threatening events.

The two men eventually abandoned the car and ran. Terrell, a Venice alderman, managed to wound the driver, who was later captured with the assistance of the St. Louis police department and is awaiting trial on a charge of armed criminal action and two counts of attempted murder.

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Workers leave Chrysler plant for final time

By Nan Lee
Staff writer

FENTON, MO. — Except for a small deactivation crew, workers left the Chrysler Corp.'s Assembly Plant No. 1 in Fenton Friday afternoon for the last time.

At one time, about 4,000 workers were employed at Plant No. 1. After building LeBarons, Agens, Volares and K cars for more than three decades, the plant has closed, presumably for good.

The deactivation crew, whose numbers will dwindle from 225 to 25 over the next year, will dismantle equipment, clean up and prepare the plant for its inactivity — or its death.

Since Chrysler announced on Feb. 3, 1990, its plan to close the plant, union leaders and elected officials have sought alternatives.

One idea, retooling the plant for production of a new small car, fell short when Chrysler President Robert A. Lutz said retooling the 32-year-old factory would cost too much.

Recently, Chrysler spokesmen said the company is looking at "several options" for the plant but would not elaborate.

"Nothing has been announced," said Scott Fogard, a spokesman in Detroit.

Chrysler officials said the decreasing sales of the Chrysler LeBaron and Dodge Daytona, two mid-sized models built at Plant No. 1, precipitated the closing.

Union officials cite another reason in addition to the sales factor — the transfer of auto industry jobs to Mexico.

Chrysler operates seven plants in Mexico and employs more than 11,300 workers there, said Doug Nicoll, a Chrysler spokesman. Two of the facilities are assembly plants.

Acustar, a wholly owned subsidiary of Chrysler, operates eight component plants and employs 14,300. Acustar supplies parts for U.S. operations and parts for other manufacturers.

Dan McIntyre, president of United Auto Workers Local 136, which represents Plant No. 1 workers, said he is bitter about the American public's reluctance to buy American goods. He's also angered by the shift of jobs to Mexico.

Nicoll said Chrysler's Mexican operations have nothing to do with the closing of Plant No. 1.

"The basic problem is the corporation has excess assembly plant capacity in the United States," Nicoll said.

Chrysler is consolidating its operations in response to a decreasing market and rising losses, officials said. Chrysler has reported losses of \$158 million for the first quarter of 1991.

The plants in Newark and Sterling Heights were "underutilized," Nicoll said, as was Fenton Plant No. 1, which has been working on a single shift for more than a year.

He said the automobiles assembled in Mexico will be sold in that country only.

Nicoll said Chrysler has operated in Mexico for more than 60 years and that Acustar has been in business for more than five years.

McIntyre said the Mexican factor differentiates Friday's closing of Plant No. 1 from the closing of Plant No. 2 in 1980.

Remaining auto plants vital

By Teresa Kaemmerer
Staff writer

Revenue generated by the three remaining auto plants in the St. Louis area accounts for large chunks of city budgets and has other immeasurable economic impacts, officials say.

The plants — Ford in Hazelwood, Chrysler II in Fenton and General Motors in Wentzville — are integral parts of those communities, not only because of tax revenues, but because of the people who work there.

The average production auto worker makes between \$35,000 and \$40,000 a year. Auto plants in St. Louis last year paid employees about \$720 million in wages. That figure includes some employees from the closing Chrysler I plant, said Russell Signorino, a research analyst with the Missouri Division of Employment Security.

Between 70 and 80 percent of those wages are regenerated in the local economy, he said.

"Most economic impact would be from workers putting money back into the community," he said.

While it is difficult to determine exactly how much money the workers put back into the economy, cities know how important the plants are to their communities.

The Ford plant has been part of Hazelwood since 1947. In fact, the plant and the community go hand in hand, said City Manager Edwin Carlstrom.

"Hazelwood was actually developed around the motor plant," he said.

Unlike the Ford plant, the GM plant has been a part of the Wentzville community for only a short time, but the economic impact is apparent.

The plant went into full production in 1983 and employs between 4,800 and 5,500 workers, said Wentzville City Administrator Joe McReynolds.

Now it's over \$6 million. It is difficult to determine the economic effects of the Chrysler II plant with the Chrysler I plant closing next week in Fenton.

Plant II has been in Fenton since 1966 and employs about 3,800 workers. The plant produces all the long-wheel base minivans for Dodge and Chrysler, including the award-winning Town and Country.

Fenton Mayor Jim Graham said there is a definite impact on the community, but no specific figures are available on revenue from taxes and fees.

Chrysler is moving LeBaron assembly to a plant in Newark, Del.; Daytona assembly will take place in Sterling Heights, Mich.

McIntyre said automobiles formerly produced in those plants are being built in Toluca, Mexico.

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Michel may interview all 12 judge candidates

By Joe Carroll
Correspondent

An aide to Rep. Robert Michel, R-Peoria, indicated Wednesday that Michel will interview all 12 candidates for a federal judgeship in southern Illinois, despite having said earlier that he would only interview the five who had placed highest in a recent bar ranking.

The change in thinking gives new hope to seven candidates who had been considered out of the running.

The latest news was announced by Michel aide Ray

LaHood.

Two area veterans of the federal court system are among the finalists to become a judge in the southern district of Illinois.

Gerald Cohn of Wood River would be making a step up in the federal judicial ladder if he gets tapped for post. Cohn has been a U.S. magistrate judge since May 1981. Prior to that, he had a private law practice in Bethalto.

As a magistrate, Cohn handles every type of case a federal district judge does, except for criminal felonies. Since the district judges must give first priority to criminal cases because of the

Speedy Trial Act, Cohn said he also has tended to be assigned more civil cases.

Cohn and other candidates are to be interviewed in Washington around June 6. Five of them received the top "exceptionally well qualified" rating from a 32-member Illinois State Bar Association screening committee.

Frederick Hess, U.S. attorney for the southern district since March 1982, also received the top rating from the screening committee and will be among those interviewed by Michel.

Hess, a Belleville resident, said he is "pleased to be includ-

ed with the other fine lawyers."

The other three top-ranking candidates for the \$125,000 a year lifetime appointment as a federal district judge are from the southern part of the sprawling district and have backgrounds in the state court system. They also received "extremely well qualified" evaluations from the screening committee.

mittee.

Two are incumbent state circuit judges, Philip Gilbert of Carbondale and Lloyd Karmier of Nashville. The other is a former Williamson County State's Attorney and unsuccessful Republican candidate for Congress, Randy Patchett of Marion.



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Obituaries

Wright

Hilda (Bald) Wright, 80, of Fort Worth, Texas, formerly of Belleville, died on Thursday, May 23, 1991, at Fort Worth Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Wright was born on April 24, 1911, in Lintzburg, Ill. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Wright and her husband were pastor for 55 years at the Tupelo Children's Mission in Tupelo, Miss. She was a member of Calvary Pentecostal Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

Survivors include her husband, Alfred Wright; two daughters, Betty Stensell of Idaho, and Lee Lowery of Fort Worth, Texas; three stepsons, Noel Wright of Fort Worth, Texas, Glen Wright of Lancaster, Iowa, and James Wright of Reading, Pa.; three brothers, Ralph Bald and Albert Bald, both of New Athens, and sister, Pearl Arras of East Carondelet, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Lizzie (Fett) Bald.

Services were held Monday at P. Gaardner Funeral Home, Belleville. Burial was in Valhalla Garden of Memory in Belleville. The family suggests memorials to Tupelo Children's Mission in Tupelo, Miss.

Matkins

James Matkins, 67, of Madison died at 6:45 p.m. Saturday, May 18, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Mr. Matkins was born Jan. 27, 1924, in Onida, Ark. and had been a resident of the Metro East area since 1942. He retired from the maintenance department of the U.S. Agricultural Chemical Co. after 42 years.

He was a member of the Canaan Galilee Baptist Church in Madison.

He is survived by his wife, Carrie Matkins of Madison; two sons, Edgar S. Matkins of Black Jack, Mo., and James W. Matkins of Buford, S.C.; two daughters, Isabel M. Matkins and Karen R. Matkins, both of Madison; two brothers, Andrew Lewis and Percy Matkins, both of Brooklyn; two sisters, Ethel Cunningham of Brooklyn and Evelyn Stewart of Wittelen, Ark.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Canaan Galilee Baptist Church, with the Rev. E. Rodney Howlett officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt. Officer Funeral Home, East St. Louis, was in charge.

Brooks

Harry J. Brooks, 53, of Brooklyn died on Friday, May 17, 1991, in his home.

Mr. Brooks was born March 27, 1938, in Brooklyn and was a lifelong resident. He was formerly employed as a mechanic for an automotive company.

He was a member of the First Corinthian Baptist Church in Brooklyn.

He is survived by one daughter, Alberta Mason of Brooklyn; one stepdaughter, Latia Murray of Philadelphia; one brother, Charles Brooks of Brooklyn; one sister, Grace Coley of Warren, Mich.; two grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren.

Services were held Thursday at the First Corinthian Baptist Church, Brooklyn, with the Rev. Robert Thomas officiating. Burial was Friday in Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt. Officer Funeral Home, East St. Louis, was in charge.

Doctors seek fungus vaccine

The advent of AIDS is spurring on two Southern Illinois doctors in their search for a vaccine against histoplasmosis.

The respiratory infection, caused by a fungus, is a serious health threat to growing numbers of AIDS patients with weakened immune systems, according to Dr. Ram Tewari and Dr. Larry Von Behren.

The doctors, from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield, have worked for years to develop a vaccine against the disease. And with the spread of AIDS, the quest is even more crucial.

"We know the incubation period for AIDS can be 10 or 11 years," Tewari said. A mild case of histoplasmosis in earlier years may reactivate if the person develops AIDS. "If we develop a vaccine, we can immunize them and others at risk," Tewari said.

Histoplasmosis is mild in most people. But in some cases, it spreads through the body, causing severe problems.

The fungus lurks in dirt in fertile, humid river valleys, including the Mississippi River and Ohio River valleys.

"The area we are living in has one of the highest rates of infection in the country," said Tewari, professor of medical microbiology and immunology.

"As long as the soil doesn't get disturbed, nothing happens," said Von Behren, associate professor with the division of infectious diseases. "When it's disturbed, the fungus is airborne and if there are people around to breathe it, they'll get the infection."

Some river valleys harbor the fungus because conditions are right, including rainfall and organic material.



(Staff photo by Pam Doepke-Hurd)

SINGING

ABOUT BUGS: Fifth graders from Lake School, above, perform as bugs wanting rights in the musical "Goin' Buggy." The students gave a performance to fellow students at Frohardt School Wednesday morning. At right, Dennette Boyd, a fifth grader at Lake School, performs "That's No Way to Treat A Lady Bug" for students at Frohardt School.



Hayden alleges judicial misconduct, seeks new trial

By David Migoya
Staff writer

BELLEVILLE—The lack of second-degree murder instructions to the jury that convicted Timothy Hayden and the trial judge's alleged misconduct in conversations with a witness should warrant a new trial, Hayden's attorney asserts in court papers.

Defense attorney James Gomic filed a motion last week for a new trial or acquittal for Hayden, citing six points that man-

date the decision.

Hayden was convicted by a jury of first-degree murder April 16 for the July 27 stabbing death of his estranged wife, Theresa Tracy Hayden, in a Belleville pub. Doctors testified Hayden had been despondent over an impending divorce his wife had filed against him.

St. Clair County Associate Judge James Radcliffe is scheduled to sentence Hayden in June. In addition to Radcliffe's decision not to give jurors the second-degree-murder option, Gomic said Radcliffe's refusal to move the trial to another locale prevented a fair trial.

"This case was the most publicized matter in St. Clair County for six months," Gomic wrote. Allegations of Radcliffe's judicial misconduct were prompted by conversations between a defense witness and Hayden's father, Belleville contractor Jim Hayden.

Jim Hayden, who silently watched the week-long murder trial, penned a pair of letters that ask a judge to investigate the possibility of a conspiracy which allowed the alleged murder weapon to be introduced as evidence at the trial.

In his motion, Gomic noted that the knife prosecutors said was used by Hayden to kill his wife was "allegedly chemically tested and microscopically examined and found to have traces of blood."

The lack of blood or tissue on the knife, which police said was in Hayden's grasp when he was arrested, makes it impossible for it to be the murder weapon.

In one of the two letters dated May 1, copies of which were left anonymously at the Journal's office, Jim Hayden said defense witness Ron Vitale told him he had spoken with Radcliffe about the case several months before the trial had begun.

Chief Judge Stephen Kernan forwarded a letter to Jim Hayden that said any allegations against a judge could be made to the Judicial Inquiry Board in Springfield. On Wednesday, Hayden refused to say if he would pursue the matter.

Vitale, director of Gateway Foundation outpatient treatment program in Belleville, testified Hayden sought help from him in the days preceding the stabbing. Vitale said Hayden had been depressed and had lost nearly 40 pounds during the couple's separation.

In the letter, addressed to former Chief Criminal Judge James Donovan, Hayden said he tape recorded the 15- to 20-minute conversation with Vitale and would allow Donovan to listen to it.

Additionally, Gomic claims prosecutors "shopped around," looking for a mental health expert that would contradict defense witnesses who testified Hayden could not form an intent at the time of the killing.

Hayden's ability to form an intent to kill was part of a pair of jury instructions Gomic claims were not consistent with evidence at the trial and should not have been given to jurors.

School program to air on cable

Granite City community access television Channel 18 will broadcast Mitchell School's 3rd, 4th and 5th grade patriotic review at 6 p.m. Monday, May 27, and Wednesday, May 29.

The program, which features a variety of patriotic songs, was presented to the Mitchell Parent-Teacher Association on May 9. The program was under the direction of June Nightwine Branding.

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Needs of deprived children tied to state tax decision

By Joe Carroll
Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD—Black children make up more than 60 percent of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services caseload, a trend social workers and community leaders say can only be reversed through greater cooperation between state agencies and local groups.

The Roundtable for African American Children and Families, a group of DCF's regional officials and local leaders, met in Springfield in late May to begin mapping out a strategy to combat problems facing black families.

"What we have got to do is start a network with other community leaders to see what can

be done to help the African American child and family," said Vivian Sanders, East St. Louis regional liaison for the department and one of the founders of the roundtable.

Sanders said two of the biggest problems facing black families are drug abuse and the increasing incidence of single, female-headed households.

Schools, churches and professional people within the black community need to work with agencies like DCF to prevent problems in the home before they start, she said. Intervention after the fact is usually too little and too late, Sanders said.

They have to start pulling all our resources together so we can focus on the problems that need

to be solved and then get to work solving them," Sanders said.

The inaugural meeting of the roundtable, hosted by Gov. Jim Edgar's wife, Brenda, at the gubernatorial mansion, had been in the works for more than 18 months, Sanders said. The group plans to meet on a quarterly basis.

Statewide, there are about 30,000 active DCF's cases, more than 18,300 of which involve African American children, according to agency statistics.

In the East St. Louis region alone last year, there were almost 3,000 cases of reported child abuse and neglect, DCF's figure showed.

death was listed as a heart attack on a death certificate issued Nov. 27, 1990.

Both Deputy Coroner Linda Allan of Collinsville, who pronounced O'Donnell dead, and coroner's investigator Roger Smith testified that there was no evidence on the body or in the room to suggest that the death was suspicious.

Both Allan and Smith interviewed Collinsville businessman Fears at the hotel a few hours after O'Donnell was discovered. Fears told the two that O'Donnell had heart trouble and had been in failing health, Allan said.

Fears, who described himself

as a friend and business associate, called O'Donnell's wife to confirm his medical history. After the call, he said the family did not wish an autopsy to be performed, Smith said.

Smith testified that Fears told the two coroners that it was not unusual for O'Donnell to spend the night in Collinsville because of early morning business meetings, even though he lived only 20 minutes away. Smith said Fears asked about toxicological testing and about getting copies of the coroner's reports and test results.

Koehler would not say how Fears learned of O'Donnell's death.

Suicide

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discovered.

The third party called O'Donnell in Hilton Head, S.C., and asked him to return to the St. Louis area because he had found someone to kill for him. According to Koehler, O'Donnell told friends that he owed the third party a great deal of money and that his debt would occur where "the third party had all the power in the world so there would be no investigation," Koehler said. Koehler added that O'Donnell had said there would be no autopsy and that newspapers would report that he had died of a heart attack.

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person, chosen. "Sonya Adkerson has a way of making everything she touches turn to gold, she gives 100 percent of her time and efforts," he said.

Principals

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"I remained here. I have four sons who were products of this system, and I was very pleased with it," he said.

"There is a lot more to teach today, and because of that the amount of time on each subject has to be carefully considered," Menendez said.

"Present-day teachers are very eager to gain the in-shop training to accommodate this change. My association with them has been one of the high points of my career."

"We are fortunate to have administrators who have children as their main concern."

Among Menendez's accomplishments is the annual Science Fair, which he established 14 years ago. "I thought it would be nice to have an exhibit," he

Superintendent of Schools Gilbert "Gib" Walmsley was also pleased with the choice. "Sonya Adkerson is a very hard worker, and we were lucky to have her head this new program," he said.

St. Louis County court records show Fears had taken a \$100,000 life insurance policy on O'Donnell in November 1988 and was part of a \$950,000 joint partnership with O'Donnell in 1986.

O'Donnell filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in U.S. District Court on March 7, 1990. Court records show he was nearly \$5 million in debt, the largest amount of which was owed to Fears.

O'Donnell's official cause of death was listed as a heart attack.

"I'm very proud of the fact that there have been some kids turned on to science because of this fair."

Another achievement was the Illinois State "Those Who Excel" Merit Award, which he received last year.

"Without education, we couldn't exist as a nation very long, and we wouldn't be able to compete with the rest of the world," Menendez said.

"All existence is based on education, and everyone is a teacher whether they think it or not. The best teachers are parents, because they never give up on a child, and this is something I strongly believe in."

After retirement, Menendez said, he plans to relax, travel and do some service work with youth on a part-time basis.

Stabbing

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was worried about my nephew," Schalk said. She is not related to Woolridge, but her brother is the baby's father and Schalk currently has custody of the baby.

Tom Teague of the DCF's East St. Louis region said Woolridge signed a consent form allowing Schalk to adopt the boy the same day Woolridge is charged with stabbing him.

DCF's had been working with Woolridge since the birth seven months ago, Teague said.

After she was freed on bond, the agency arranged for her to undergo evaluation at the Clyde Choate Health Center in Anna. The center released her after a two-week stay and she was placed in a specialized foster home in Granite City.

"We were assured (by the Choate Center) that she did not present a danger to herself or to the community," Teague said. Woolridge remained in the Granite City foster home until Wednesday, when she disappeared.

Schalk said she spent many sleepless nights when DCF's informed her that Woolridge had been placed in a foster home.

Lawmakers consider court jurisdiction for river casinos

Lawmakers are looking to legalize casino training schools while policing crimes on the river.

Legislators expect passage of a bill to permit riverboat casino dealers to be trained on land and to establish court jurisdiction for crimes committed on the river.

Rep. Jim McPike, D-Alton, said a group of lawmakers who met in his office with state Gaming Board Administrator Morton Friedman are generally in agreement on several changes to the riverboat gambling law.

Under the law, gambling equipment is illegal unless it is on a boat, but lawmakers may change the law so a community college, private school or the boat owners themselves could conduct schools.

The Alton Riverboat Gambling Partnership Inc. began operating training school for blackjack

and craps dealers last week. A bill pending before the Senate would only authorize the land-based training by colleges or licensed schools.

The Alton school began after Madison County State's Attorney William Haine issued an opinion that it should not be prosecuted because the riverboat gambling law also intended that dealers should be adequately trained.

A suggestion by Haine that the law also be changed to provide that jurisdiction for any crimes on the floating casinos should be in the county where the boat is docked is also expected, McPike said.

The group of lawmakers and Friedman are still discussing what additional information from riverboat gambling license applicants should be made public.

McPike said they had agreed with Friedman that background

information gathered during state police investigations or obtained from other law enforcement agencies should continue to be confidential.

In addition, boat owners' personal financial information that "would not put them at a competitive disadvantage in their other business" would be kept confidential.

From the Alton Telegraph

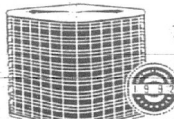
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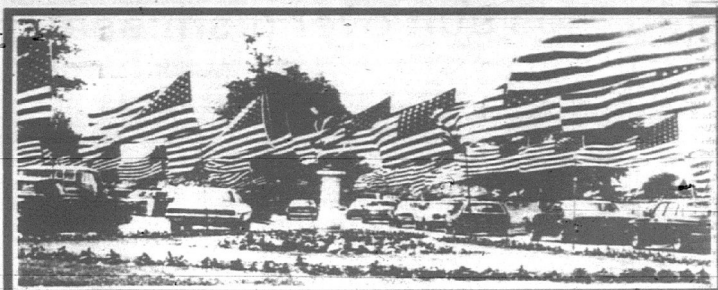


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Man files suit over dismissal

By David Migoya
Staff writer

BELLEVILLE — A Belleville man has filed a lawsuit claiming he was fired from his job with an agricultural supply company because he talked with fellow employees about forming a union.

Joseph S. Lautner, of 2024 Roosevelt Ave., filed the two-count lawsuit against his former employer, Madison Service Com-

pany, 900 Hillsboro Ave., Edwardsville, in St. Clair County Circuit Court. The lawsuit seeks more than \$30,000 in damages.

According to Joseph Bartholomew, Lautner's attorney, Lautner requested a transfer to a sister company, St. Clair Service Company, because it was unionized and closer to his home, but was refused. Lautner, who has worked as a driver and warehouseman for about four years there, spoke with fellow employ-

ees at the company about forming a union and was fired March 30, Bartholomew said.

"He's never been written up and he just liked the idea of a union," Bartholomew said.

Madison Service Company is a farm supply company that also specializes in grain supplies, said Roger Read, general manager of the firm. Its parent company, ADM/Growmark River System, Inc., in Chicago, also is named as a defendant in the lawsuit.

Read said he was not aware of the lawsuit and refused to comment.

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Soil, water district gets grant

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Sports

Warriors cruise by Oilers in first round of regional

By Dave Whaley
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — With the exception of one half inning, everything went smoothly for the Warrior baseball team Thursday.

Granite City improved to 21-12 with a 10-2 victory over the Wood River Oilers (5-21) in the first round of the Edwardsville Regional. The Warriors were to play Civic Memorial (11-14) on Saturday in the semifinals. The Eagles upset Alton 1-0 on Thursday. Edwardsville (33-0) played Roxana in the other semifinal. The championship game is Monday at 4 p.m.

Drake Marshall pitched a two-hitter Thursday to improve to 4-3 as the Warriors banged out 10 hits. Senior shortstop Jeff Stephens had two hits, walked twice and drove in three runs.

"Jeff had the big hit to break it open," said Warrior coach Bob Stegemeier. "When he wants to play he can be a big factor on this ballclub."

The Warriors scored 10 runs despite an 0-for-5 performance

GRANITE CITY 10, Wood River 2
GRANITE CITY 131, 001 6-10 10 3
WOOD RIVER 002, 000 0-2 2 2 2
GRANITE CITY: Stephens 2-1B, 2RB; Norris 2-1B, 2RB; Partney 1B, RB; Lewis 3B; Van Buren 2-1B, RB; Marshall 1B, CF; 1B, Maxfield 2B; W. Marshall 7 (in.), R.E. E.R.G. 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B, 6B, 7B, 8B, 9B
WOOD RIVER: Uteri 1B, Sabatino 1B, (P) Krawski (5.1 inn.), R-10, ER-6, H-10, SO-3, BB-4

Baseball

Edwardsville Regional

Thursday, May 23

GRANITE CITY 10, Wood River 2

Civic Memorial 1, Alton 0

Roxana 7, Jerseyville 4

Saturday, May 25

Semifinals

At Edwardsville Sports Complex

(1) Edwardsville (33-0) vs. Roxana (15-10), 11 a.m.

GRANITE CITY (21-12) vs. Civic Memorial (11-14), 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 27

Championship

Saturday winners meet at 4 p.m. Winner advances to Granite City Sectional on June 3.

from their best hitter, Ryan Reeves.

"The layoff (the Warriors hadn't played since Saturday) really threw me off, but it didn't

seem to hurt anybody else," he said.

Reeves also hurt his hand on Wednesday, though he doesn't know how it happened. He did play well at third base, and he might stay there for a while.

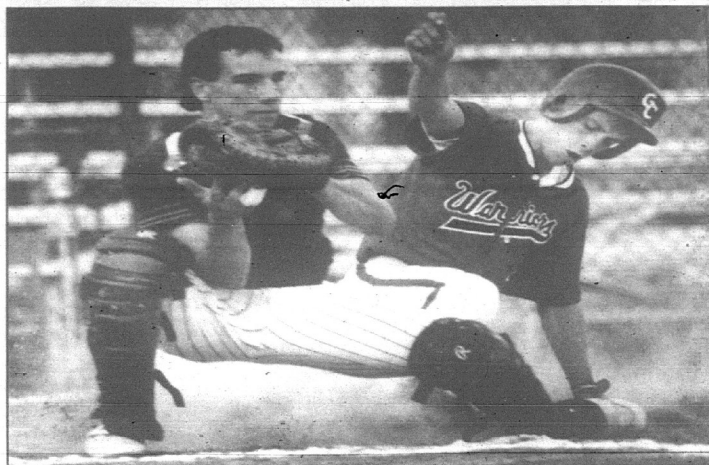
"Ryan showed some good range and I like the way he throws from third," said Stegemeier.

Dan Partney delivered his team-leading 32nd RBI with a two-out single in the first to score Stephens. Jason Maxfield's fielder's choice, Stephens' single and Mike Nordstrom's infield out plated three more in the second off Wood River starter Tom Krawski. Billy Van Buskirk made it 5-0 in the third with a hit to score Erik Lewis, who had doubled.

"We hit the ball pretty good all day," said Stegemeier. "There were some hard-hit balls that were caught. And Lewis really hit that double hard."

Marshall nearly got out of the third. With two outs, he struck out Chuck Meilor on a pitch in the dirt. But Partney threw wide

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(Staff photo by Dave Whaley)

JEFF STEPHENS slides home with the first run of Thursday's game as Wood River catcher Cass Hiernan takes the throw.

With preliminary games over, Lady Warriors set for final 4

By Dave Whaley
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Things had gone according to form through Thursday in the Granite City Girls Soccer Sectional. The real games were to begin Saturday.

The top-seeded Lady Warriors cruised to an 8-0 win over Quincy in the quarterfinals Thursday at Memorial Stadium. Shawn Odom had two goals to pace a balanced attack. Granite City (17-2) was to face No. 4 seed Alton (12-10-1) on Saturday at 11 a.m. in semifinal action. No. 2 seed Collinsville (16-3-3) played No. 3 seed Springfield in the second semifinal.

The championship game for a berth in next weekend's state tournament will be Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The top four seeds had an easy time getting to the semifinals, winning eight early-round games by a combined score of 72-2.

"The girls were asking me why the scores have been so one-sided," said Lady Warrior coach Gene Baker. "It's a reflection of the seedings. The best teams were seeded high and you almost expect them to win easily the first two rounds. The games will become very competitive now."

Granite City has won six

straight and has now outscored its opponents 63-7 this year. But they had their hands full with Alton, winning 2-0 at home April 11 and then 1-0 in overtime in Alton on April 24. The Redwing duo of twins Camie and Carrie Bechtold is healthy and scoring at will.

"Julie Goclan hurt her ankle, and that concerns me going into the Alton game," said Baker. "She does a good job marking the Bechtolds. If they play well defensively, they will be a very good test for us."

Quincy was not a great test, although the Blue Devils (9-6-3) were much better than Cahokia. It was only 1-0 after one quarter, and that was due to a misplay by Quincy goalie Penny Bainter. Addie Lenz's long shot was not particularly powerful, but Bainter let it slip through her arms and in at 17:26 for Lenz's ninth goal of the year. Jennifer Harper got the assist.

Sophomore Tammy Dutko played one of her strongest games of the year and it paid off with her first goal at 23:41. A

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Girls soccer

Granite City Sectional

Saturday, May 18

GRANITE CITY 12, Cahokia 0

Springfield 11, Jacksonville 0

Monday, May 20

Collinsville 11, Springfield Lanphier 0

Tuesday, May 21

Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin 3, Chatham Glenwood 0

Quincy Notre Dame 4, Wood River 0

O'Fallon 5, Springfield Southeast 0

Alton 11, Lutheran East 0

Quincy 1, Rochester 0

Thursday, May 23

GRANITE CITY 8, Quincy 0

Alton 6, Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin 1

Springfield 6, Quincy Notre Dame 0

Collinsville 7, O'Fallon 1

Saturday, May 25

Semifinals

At Granite City

Game 13: GRANITE CITY (17-2) vs. Alton (12-10-1), 11 a.m.

Game 14: Collinsville (16-4-3) vs. Springfield, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, May 28

Championship

Game 13 winner vs. Game 14 winner, 7 p.m. Winner advances to state tournament in St. Charles on May 31-June 1.



(Staff photo by Dave Whaley)

KAMI KESSEL of the Lady Warriors dribbles past Quincy's Erin Ash.

Chappell, Chaney golf clinic in June

Granite City High School golf coach Russ Chappell and assistant coach Boone Chaney will hold their annual golf clinic June 4-5 at the Arlington Golf Club driving range.

There will be no charge for the clinic. All students entering sixth grade through high school are invited. Each participant will need at least a middle iron and a putter. High school students will meet from 9-10:30 a.m. The younger students will meet from 10:30 to noon.

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Karibbean, Debert go 2-2 at state meet

Thursday was a perfect day for Raffi Caribbean and Dan Debert. Friday was a little different story.

The Granite City High School duo won their first two matches in the IHSA state tennis tournament in Arlington Heights on Thursday. But two losses Friday morning eliminated them from the tournament.

Karibbean, a senior, and Debert, a sophomore, opened the tournament with a 6-1, 6-3 win over Mike Shimola and Brian Banach of Thornton Fractional South. They then knocked off Trig Geraldson and Steve Miff of

Evanston 6-3, 6-4 in the second round Thursday evening.

But the Warrior tandem was sent into the playback bracket with a 1-6, 0-6 loss to Todd Nelson and Pat Vizzone of Oak Park-River Forest on Friday morning. The end came in the next round, a 3-6, 2-6 loss to Libertyville's Matt Brady and Dennis Dobrin.

Because of early deadlines due to the Memorial Day holiday, results from Friday's preliminary competition in the boys state track meet in Charleston were unavailable at press time.

Complete results will appear in Wednesday's Journal.

Granite City senior Dan Brazee was one of the favorites to win the Class AA high jump, while Warrior junior Larry Curry was favored to place in the Class AA discus throw. Madison's Harold Moody placed sixth in the Class A 400 meters last year and was competing in that event again. Brian Campbell of the Trojans was competing in the Class A long jump. Moody, Campbell, Greg Wray and Alphonso Brandon were representing the Trojans in the Class A 4x400 meter relay.

•Soccer

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had clearing pass went right to her and she knuckled it in off defender Stacey Gower. Odom headed in Beth Rapoff's corner kick at 32:44 to make it 3-0 at halftime, then things really deteriorated in the second half.

Rapoff made a nice shot off Lenzi's assist at 43:21 for her third goal. Amanda Witter got her 14th goal by tipping in Lenzi's pass at 51:45. Michelle Knox

cashed in Brooke Bjorkman's rebound at 63:54 for her third goal. Stephanie Hardesty took a pass from Knox and scored from a sharp angle at 75:22 for her fifth goal (all in the last five games); then Odom closed out the scoring off an assist from Hardesty at 76:47.

"I thought we blew out a decent team," said Baker. "Quincy always has very physi-

cal teams with the boys. And that's as physical a girls team as you'll ever see. But everybody got to play and we got a lot of offensive contributions. Stephanie Hardesty is always going to the goal and it's paying off in a big way."

The Lady Warriors outshot Quincy 25-2 and had four corner kicks. Stephanie Kuff played the first three quarters in goal and Leslie Staveland finished up.

•Baseball

(Continued from Page 1B)

at first, Marshall walked the next two and Mark Sabatino's grounder was misplayed by Stephens for two unearned runs. Marshall retired nine of the last 10, allowing only an infield hit in the fifth.

"Drake had good stuff all

day," said Stegemeier. "He didn't pick up Danny after the error, but he really hasn't pitched that much in the last three weeks. Pitching on three days rest (tomorrow) will help keep him from overthrowing."

Nordstrom drove in another run in the sixth and then Ste-

phens broke it open with a bases-loaded single in the seventh. A third run scored when the throw home caught Oiler catcher Cass Hiernan right over the left eye and bounced away. The eye swelled up quickly and was almost shut when Hiernan left the field.

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Harry Hamm

Lopata, Reed, and Tureen previously have been elected to terms on the board.

AMC to add shorts
For the last year, American Multi Cinema, the area's second-largest film exhibitor, has been showing Looney Tunes cartoons before its features under an exclusive, nationwide agreement with Warner Brothers.

The practice has been so well received that AMC on June 14 is going to expand the selection of shorts available prior to the start of its first-run films.

The new shorts, only one of which will run before a film, will be about seven minutes long. They will include items from CNN Reel News service, a channel that broadcasts only upbeat and positive stories; and from E Channel, a cable service. Also available will be a new series of Tom & Jerry cartoons from the

AMC also will continue to show coming attractions before each feature film.

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**Fox bumps up
opening of tear-jerker**
In an attempt to ride the coat-

In an attempt to ride the coattails of "Ghost," a script that combined romance with death and the hereafter, 20 Century Fox has decided to release "Dying Young," expected to be renamed, on June 21 instead of this fall.

The movie stars Julia Roberts as a nurse who answers a newspaper ad to take care of a young

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 Tuesday - Chicken nuggets, french fries, fruit cup
 Wednesday - Hamburger gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, gelatin
 Thursday - Barbecued pork sandwich, dill slices, beets, fruit
 Friday - Tuna salad sandwich, macaroni and cheese, buttered peas, fruit
Venice Public Schools
 Monday - Memorial Day holiday
 Tuesday - Robo sandwich, mixed vegetables, cookies

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Holy Family
 Monday - Memorial Day holiday
 Tuesday - Hamburger gravy over rice or noodles, corn, salad, chocolate pudding
 Wednesday - Turkey sandwich, cheese, potato chips, stuffed celery, peanut buttered bread, fruit
 Thursday - Last day of school, 11 a.m. dismissal
 Friday -
St. Elizabeth
 Monday - Memorial Day holiday
 Tuesday - Cheese pups on bun, french fries, buttered vegetable, raisins
 Wednesday - No lunch
 Thursday - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, buttered vegetables, peanuts
 Friday - No lunch

Senior games

set for Tuesday

The Granite City Council of Seniors will have an evening of games on Tuesday, May 28, at the Township Hall, 2650 Delmar. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and games start at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.
 Persons needing transportation are asked to call the bus company at 931-7433 and make the necessary arrangements.
 Persons 50 years of age and older are welcome to join the council. Membership dues will be collected and can be paid daily from 9 to 1 at the Senior Office.
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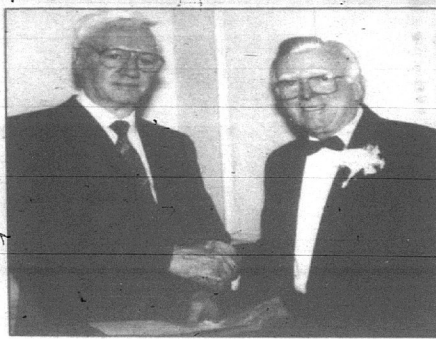
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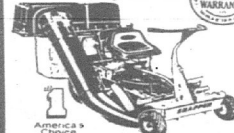
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